Membership of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

4582. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Kazakhstan has advocated for India's membership on the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation;

(b) whether India has sought the membership of this organisation;

(c) by when a decision on this is likely to be taken;

(d) which other countries are its members; and

(e) what are objectives of this organization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) No Sir; The membership charter of SCO has yet to be formulated.

(d) China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan;

(e) The objectives of Shanghai Cooperation Organization are:—

Regional security and stability, combating terrorism and to set up a Regional Anti-terrorism mechanism besides undertaking political, economic and cultural cooperation.

Depicting J and K and Arunachal Pradesh as disputed areas by Microsoft

4583. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that, in Map Point, 2002, which is an elaborate detailed software, prepared by the Microsoft showed Jammu and Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh as disputed areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;